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SUBJ: COURTESIES REQUESTED FOR QATARI MINISTER OF SOCIAL AFFAIRS
AND LABOR DURING HIS VISIT TO UN

1. ALI BIN AHMAD AL ANSARI, GOQ MINISTER OF SOCIAL AFFAIRS
AND LABOR, WILL BE ATTENDING UN ADVISORY GROUP ON RESOURCES
DEVELOPMENT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR NOV 25-26 IN NEW YORK.
ANSARI WILL BE ARRIVING AT JFK NOV 22 ON BRITISH AIRWAYS FLIGHT
501, ETA NEW YORK 1335 HOURS LOCAL. ALTHOUGH WE ASSUME QATARI
MISSION IN NEW YORK WILL BE MEETING ANSARI, REQUEST DEPT/USUN
ARRANGE APPROPRIATE VIP ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE COURTESIES. ANSARI
SCHEDULED TO DEPART NEW YORK FOR RETURN TRIP ON EVENING NOV
27.

2. FOR AMB SHERER: WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF ONE OF USUN PRINCIPALS
COULD MAKE COURTESY CALL ON ANSARI DURING HIS BRIEF VISIT
OR THAT HE BE INVITED TO APPROPRIATE ALREADY SCHEDULED SOCIAL
FUNCTION. REQUEST THAT ANY SUCH CONTACT BE REPORTED FOR OUR
INFORMATION. GOQ SENIOR OFFICIALS HAVE RECENTLY INDICATED TO
US THEIR INCREASING SENSITIVITY RE WHAT THEY REGARD AS
INATTENTION OF USG OFFICIALS TOWARD THEM WHEN THEY VISIT
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3. LIKE MOST GOQ MINISTERS, ANSARI IS RELATIVELY DISTANT FROM ACTUAL SUBSTANCE OF HIS WORK. IN ADDITION, HIS POLITICAL IMPORTANCE IS DIMINISHED BECAUSE HE WAS RIGHT-HAND MAN OF DEPOSED EX-RULER, SHAYKH AHMAD. NEVERTHELESS, HE HEADS AN INFLUENTIAL AND VERY WEALTHY FAMILY SEVERAL OF WHOSE MEMBERS HOLD KEY POSITIONS IN GOQ BUREAUCRACY. ANSARI HIMSELF IS ONE OF MOST URBANE AND SOPHISTICATED QATARIS, AND AT HOME IN WESTERN SOCIAL AMBIENCE. HE SPEAKS FLUENT ENGLISH, IS WIDELY TRAVELED, EXCELLENT COMPANY, AND WELL-DISPOSED TOWARD U.S. PAGANELLI

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